

Vilela language

Vilela (*Uakambalelté, Atalalá, Chulupí~Chunupí*)^[4] is an extinct language last spoken in the Resistencia area of Argentina and in the eastern Chaco near the Paraguayan border. Dialects were *Ocol*, *Chinipi*, *Sinipi*; only *Ocol* survives. The people call themselves *Waqlha-umbaβelte* 'Waqha speakers'.

The last Vilela people were absorbed into the surrounding Toba people and Spanish-speaking townsfolk.

Vilela	
Native to	Argentina
Extinct	20 by 1981; ^[1] gone by 2011 ^[2]
Language family	Lule–Vilela <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vilela
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	<code>vil</code>
Glottolog	vile1241 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/vile1241) ^[3]

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Dialects

Loukotka (1968) lists the following dialects of Vilela.^[5]

- **Chunupi** - formerly spoken on the confluence of the San Francisco River and Bermejo River in the vicinity of La Encrucijada, Valtolema, Ortega, Esquina Grande and Laguna Colma.
- **Pasain** - formerly spoken in the vicinity of Macapillo, Argentine Chaco.
- **Ocole** - formerly spoken between Lacangayá and Laguna Colma.
- **Omoampa** - formerly spoken from Ortega as far as Miraflores.
- **Macomita** - once spoken west of the Juramento River, province of Santiago del Estero, Argentina.
- **Yecoamita** - once spoken northwest of the Teuco River, Formosa province.
- **Sinipi** - formerly spoken on the Bermejo River in the vicinity of Lacangayá.

Phonology

Vilela appears to have the five vowels of Spanish and approximately the following consonants:

m	n			
b	d	dʒ	g	
p	t	tʃ	k	?
p'	t'	tʃ'	k'	
f	s	ʃ	x	
	ɛ			
w	l	j		
	r			

Notes

1. [Vilela language](https://www.ethnologue.com/16/show_language/vil) (https://www.ethnologue.com/16/show_language/vil) at [Ethnologue](#) (16th ed., 2009)
2. [Vilela](https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/vil/) (<https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/vil/>) at [Ethnologue](#) (18th ed., 2015)
3. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "[Vilela](#)" (<http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/vile1241>). [Glottolog 3.0](#). Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.
4. Not to be confused with [Niwaklé](#), which is also called Chulupí~Chunupí.
5. [Loukotka, Čestmír](#) (1968). [Classification of South American Indian Languages](#) (<https://archive.org/details/classificationof0007louk>). Los Angeles: UCLA Latin American Center. pp. 53 ([http://archive.org/details/classificationof0007louk/page/53](https://archive.org/details/classificationof0007louk/page/53)).

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